

Duchesne County Library Board Meeting

October 16, 2018

Crossroads Senior Center

Roll Call: Chair Bert Jensen, Director Daniel Mauchley, Vice Chair Sherry Lott, Dixie Swasey, Commissioner Greg Todd, Secretary Lori Ann Potter, Kerrilyn Miles,

Visitors: Taiya Miles, Kae Dome, Guinn Miller

Absent: Janet Roberts

Convened: 4:40

Proposed: Approval of September 2018 Minutes

- Motion: Sherry Lott
- Seconded: Kerrilyn Miles

Public Comment

- Kae Dome and Guinn Miller: The library definitely does need new room for books and for other activities. Kae loves the functions that happen, and to be able to have the space for those events is very important. She misses some of the old sets of books that used to be carried. Also, more computer access would be great. Having more rooms to meet with people interested with history and historical information would be great. Also, she would like access to historical sources that aren't widely available. Any event that brings people to a library helps to bring reading/books alive for the people.

Consent Agenda

- Anything that needs to be moved to regular discussion? Brief discussion of the necessity for board members to read the agenda before meetings. Excitement over Bedtime Storytime in the Duchesne Branch.
- Motion to Approve: Kerrilyn Miles
Seconded: Dixie Swasey

Library Policy Training: Motion to table the Library Policy Training

- Motion: Sherry Lott
Seconded: Dixie Swasey

Library Use & Behavior Policy Approval

- After discussing several possibilities for item 4 (supervision of kids) on the Library Use & Behavior Policy, we decided to go with option 2 but change the phrasing a bit. The final decision was that children ages 5 and below must be accompanied by a responsible person 12 years or older. Also, a phrase will be added that indicates that inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated, with or without a parent present.
 - Motion to Approve: Sherry Lott
 - Seconded: Chairman Bert Jensen
 - All Approved

History Center Ribbon Cutting

- Ribbon cutting. Small event, would get in the news and get people interested in the History Center.

- Thursday, November 1 from 4:00-6:00 (tour) with Ribbon Cutting at 4:00 (***This was later changed to Monday, November 5 at 4:00 p.m. so that Irene Hansen and her staff can be there to assist***).

Roosevelt Library Next Steps Discussion

- Babcock Design Feasibility Study/Discussion
- Remodel or new construction? Discussion of pros/cons of each
- We need to ask Sam Passey from Vernal about how the flat roof in Vernal is holding up/draining
- Discussion of the new construction—eye line from the Information Desk is much better than the remodel option
- Less staff needed with new construction because of how open the floor plan is—which potentially would cost less in the long-run than remodeling
- Funding—would we potentially have to raise the taxes by a small amount in order to pay for this building and its staffing?

Library Revenues & Budget Shortfalls

- 2.7 million reserve for the library already saved, but we are going to drain it.
- Staffing—probably will need 25 to 50% increase in staff, which is about \$100,000 a year
- The new building would possibly (floor-plan wise) be more economical in the long run, but we will need to hire some more staff.
- Perhaps Roosevelt could help with the Utility bills for the new library
- Library tax. Tax is .000286 (certified for the whole state without having to go through Truth in Taxation) of your property value. Average home (\$165,000) pays \$26 a year to the library. What if it was increased to .00037? On the average, just under \$8 increase per year.
- Truth in Taxation takes a year and you need a minimum of 3 public hearings where you are scrutinized highly. We have to put out pamphlets, be very clear and transparent as to why this is needed. It ultimately comes down to board meeting. If board members all approve, it will go through.
- We will need to rebuild the capital project nest egg.
- Page 41-42 of feasibility study—low cost and high cost for renovation is 2.2 to 3 million dollars. Low cost and high cost for new build is 2.9-3.7 million. We already have 2.7 million saved towards it. Does not include the land, but hopefully Roosevelt can help with that.
- People need to be aware of what is available now through the library. Ebooks, interlibrary loan, activities, movies, clubs and gatherings.

Public Meetings

- Board needs to make all efforts to be there. Oct 25 & Nov 8 @ 7:00 p.m. at Crossroads Senior Center.
- Nov 5th ribbon cutting for History Center at Duchesne branch at 4:00 p.m.

Next Library Board Meeting: Tues, Nov. 27, 4:30 p.m. @ Duchesne Library.

Adjourned: 6:39

Motion to Adjourn: Dixie Swasey

All Approved

Minutes approved 11/27/2018.